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Reds captain Sleven Gerrard and manager Brendan Rodgers stand top-right as the Liverpool FC squad prepare to board their plane at the city's John Lennon Airport shead of the pro-season tour of the USA. The question is: can you name each and every one of the other 25 players in the picture?





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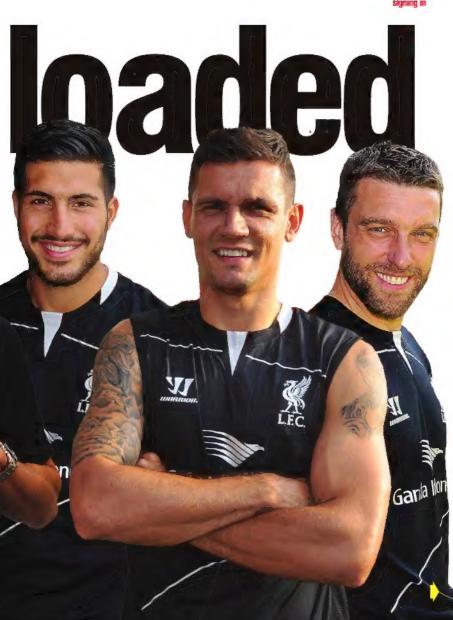
The captain goes on selfie duty with fans during a training session before Liverpool PC's fixture in the Guinness International Chemiotors Out against

Olympiacos at Chicago's Soldier Field. Once again the reception afforded to the club by its huge North American fashions were felly from:









Name: Divock Origi Squad no: To be confirmed Age: 19 Position: Forward Previous clubs: Genk; Lille Career apps/ goals: 56/9

"AT HIS AGE SOME PLAYERS THINK THEY KNOW IT ALL - HE'S THE OPPOSITE"

Divock Origi has all the qualities to be a sensation when he joins next year, writes James Eastham

They same." We didn't forow best much about him but him but he bett much about him but he bett much about him but he bett much about him but he best h

I was 2 February 2013 when Divods Ong first made his mark in the professional gume. That was the day Liverpool's new 210 inlies agreed was handed his senior dabut as a 88th-minute substitute for Lille in a horse leegue against strugging Troyes.

Life were training 1-7 as Origi ran onbristing with raw nervous energy, the 17 year-old striker was about to make the perfect start to life in the first team. So minutes later he diffact into space, at the for post and realised he was on his own. Gesturing to team-mate. Dimits Payet, who o driven deep into Trayes territory, he reised his hand for the ball, almost epologetically for drawing to much distriction to himself. Payer spotied him and floated the ball to the fer post where Origi attacked in perfectly, directing his header downwards past the reach of Troyee leeper Yorken Thursen.

After showing such an assured touch in front of goal, he was now the cartier of attention in front of \$6,000 screaming tens and booked as though he had no lide a how to celebrate Clearly he hadnot perfected any position of the hadnot be selected and the sele



going to be his style

The bruth is that Like fans barely knew Ong when he scored that debut goal but the Belgian youngster was already on the radial of scouds from leading clubs across the continent. Word had got out about a fast, powerful stiller that had excelled for his country at age-group level and outgrown the regional French youth leagues.

If was obvious to anybody watching Once what the last was about. He'd joined Lille from Genk at 15, and in his new club's U17 and u19 sides he was simply too good for his contemporanes. Biessed with almost supernatural pace and power for his age. he would brush opponents aside, occasionally winning games on his own. He had a thunderous right-foot shot and possessed the mazy dribbling stalls normally associated with smaller numbler players. Sometimes used on the wing, sometimes as a lone striker in a 4-2-S-1 formation, he tooked at home wherever he played. Having successfully nurtured Eden Hazard Enrough their youth system a few years carlier , ille felt sure they had the latest gem from their near-neighbours (the border with Belgium is only 20 minutes away!

Dig 3 modesty was also obvous He was quiet on the prich, tocurang on his own game? Them was barely a raised viole to teammater, it allows the officials. Off the prich he was reserved but untainingly polite when approached for an autograph.

After netting that Troyes goal Divock was used spanngly during the final months of 2012/13 Then new Life coach Rene Girard replacing Romabound Rudi Garcia promoted him permanently to the first-team sould ahead of the new season. Origi was in and out during the first-half of 2013/14 but gradually found his lest among big-name team-mates. like former Chelsea striker Salomon Kalou As tille chased a top-three finish during the spring, he became more and more important, scoring four times in a nine-game spell from February to April Those goals and his ability to link with Kalou were key to Life finishing third to claim a Champions League qualifiers berth.

There has been great debate about Ong's best position At Lille last season he vanously played as a ione forward, alongside a strike-pather but mainly on the wings, and his most effective position was on the left. Firm that starting point he beautiful beautiful point on the stronger ngint foot. His pace and power malang alampet impossible for defenders to stop him. If there was a player he resembled it was Them. Hearty famously fearing opponents.

"There's a bit of Patrick Kluivert in the way he plays"

in his wake in this way Like Henry he may eventually develop into an all-round centre forward but observers say he can still improve his hold-up play with his back to goal

His dad Mike has been a big influence he knows esactly what Divode is going through because he was a professional flootballer himself A Belgan charpor at Geak (1999) he also represented he native Kenya three times at the African Nations Couhe, sille is head of youth academy, sean-Michel vlandamme puts at Dough la are extremely intelligent boy and has been very well broughlup.





confident Last season he was unlitted by a like post-match interview on TV station Careal Pflus smilling and challing amabby in flueral French but on request glying them a flevour of his native Remain as well. The arc of his canner. Gent, libit, the Whord Gup, the transfer to Liverpool and the loanmore back to Lifle is suggests helt. be much more mature than your average 20-year-old when he amives at Afrilled need surmer.

The Herry comparisor may be the most spr but Uille teem-mate Kalou, draws a parallel with another strictor. "There's a bit of Patrick Kluwed about him in Himse of his movement and the way he plays. He asks you stout the runs he should make when you play two uplront, about his cubic him in front of goal, and so on; "Like seeryone else. Kalou, is impressed with Ong; off the plach too, "He's what you'd call a rice young last. He's highly respectful and likes to learn. At his age, some players thruck they know it all he sit he oppositio."

Earlier this year, one of the few occasions he is talked about himself. Dwock spick. "I wallch as many games as, can to help ne progress, the got a subscription to a video system that allows me to analyse my own performances and study other attackem performances. The wallchold brashmork at to to look at how he's aggressive in his play, also look at Luis Suarez. Gristiano Ronaldo and Eden Hazard.

That's an extraordinary array of attacking talent. Origi and Liverpool's measurement of the control of the appears to be heading in the high direction.

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How good is Lazar Markovic? They all agree he has everything in his locker, discovers John Hynes

They say: 'Il was excellent playing with this fantastic (dd for six months. He could be one of Europo's best players in his position. He's young, he'll misture, and then nobody will be able to stop him? Choises midfielder Nemania Matic, who played alongside Markovic at Bontica. Random fact. He made his full international debut for Serbia aged only 17

acak is a sportobsessed oily of roughly 75,000 people in a beautiful mountainous part of southern Serbia. Neturally little most places around the world the locals

adore lootball although they spend even more time debating basketball.

That's not a surprise when you consider the country's links in the game. Among the more prominent basketball players from the repion are: Miroslav Radulica, who now leatures for MAvauliee Bucks in the NBA,

Dragan Kicanovic, a member of the Yugoslavia team that won silver of the 1976 Olympic games and then went griu better four years later and Zeljko Obradovic, one of the most successful goaches in European besketball.

With such local heroes to admire it would have been understandable 4 Lazar Markévic hed grown up shooting hoops rather than kicking a footbott However even closer to home, the influence of his failner was only ever going to divert him in one direction. Neooslav Marković was a winder for local team FC. Remont and



"Aside from Ronaldo and Messi he's one of the best I've seen aged 19"

well-known as one of the lastest players around. That speed is something Lazar has clearly inherited as thousands of Reds will confirm from all the YouTube compisitions featuring him it must have been one of the first balts that Partizan Belgrade's scoular noticed, too, when they watched Markovic, playing as a 12-year-old in a youth fourmament for his boyhood club Borac Goaak in 2006.

Partizan's academy system also gave the world current Man City duo Stevan Jovetic and Matip Nastasic, and Markovic's progress through the same ranks created a smillar buzz among Serben football tans.

his disbull for the first learn came in the final foture of the 2010/1 campaign at the age of 17. These days before his 18th birthday and having already represented Serbias 417 and U21 teams, he received a first senior international call-up for a game with America in February 2012. His pace, allied with close common and cribibling about y neighbor in the Partizan team that won the country's tills in both 2012 and 2013.

Former Chelsea boss Avram Grant was in charge for the first of those triumphs and the youngster's form led him to comment: "I can say that apart





from Ronaldo and Mess. Markovic is one of the best talents I've ever seen at 19 years of age."

Naturally the winger's contribution to the success brought admiration from amound the continent, with inter Mitan and Chelsea said to be keen to acquire his services. After much speculation he pid depart his horneland in June of 2013, for Benifica in Portugal.

Still a leanager it would have been understandable if he struggled to setart to a week the away from his naive land. Tom Kundert, editor of websits Portugoal, net, was one of many who monitored his progress. "Markovich the ground running," he says. "That was one of the most striking things about his time in Portugal. He came as a scrawing 19-year-old with a big reputation but was completely unfazed in a country with a different outlare climate and language to his own

Portuguese football journalist Nuno Travasos agrees that the player's acclimatisation was almost faultless. "He didn't seem to find moving difficult. In action against Dyropiacos in Chicago and challing to the boss

"Lazar wore a cap to walk around Lisbon and explore the city"

He arrived with his brother Filip (also a winger who played for Bertifica's B team) and the squed had five or so: Serbian players. Lazar was willing to get to know usbon wall. He word a cap to help him go unnotood while he walled around the city.

The fact that Markovic scored a superb mokividus goal against Sporting Libson during his first few weeks at the club obviously endeared him to his new lambase. Coarch Jorge Jesus was quickly convinced by the ability of the Serb, to the point where he kept him in the side during a pre-Christmas spell when his form dispoed. "He was more consistent than you'd expect a 19-year old to be," Kundert points out. "That luft did happen, but both before and after it he was excellent.

It was around this time that Bentlica is Champion's Lisague campaign carrier to a disappointing lett. Accountaling 10 points in their group wasn't enough for progress to the knockout stages as PSG and Olympiacos finished first and second respectively. Markovic featured in five of the half-closure featured in five of the half-closure featured.

Sail. Berifica would go on to win the final of the 2013/14 Europa League in Turin. Unfortunately Markovic missed that showpeed occasion after pidning up a red card in the semi-final biumph over Juventus. At the time of his dismissal, which came after a mass sculfie by the dugouts, he was on the soldines after being substituted near the end of the second leg, it meant he was auspended to the final. a 4-2-peratty shootbut defeat by Sevilla.

Despite the downbest conclusion to his club season Lazar only has





postavo words about Inst 12-month stay in Portugal. "If it wesn't for Benifica I viculatin't be there jet Liverpoot) now I thank the players, the presideral and everyone at the oldo and sent them my wermest wishes I was very happy and very honoured to be there I wish them the best for the future."

His final action of 2013/14 was during Sorba at this to Brazil for a pre-World Cush finantly in June In a 13 definat against the tournament hosts he stood out, with some in his homeland believing the effective display in Sao Paulo was what convinced Reds toos Brendart Rodgers to move for him this summer One durind who

believes Liverpool have an unout diamond on Brown from their BBC European loctball writer Andy 100 a player with a rare talent. The rew potential to absolutely enormous if he can protiness at the present rate he's going to be worth twice what they paid for him in 12 to 18 months time

Markovic admits he's sightly surprised to have arrived in the Berclays Premier League already Sometimes such transfers can come too early for a player. But chats with England-based compatinots. Nemanja Matic. Branslav tvanovic

Jovetic have informed him of what wasdly to expect. "They were all happy to hear was coming here and said they are looking forward to playing against me.

Lybiniko Drulonc, Sehsa's former caretaker coach who was recently succeeded by Dick Advocaal, was also pleased to see Lazer arme on these strons. "Going to a very strong league will help him seven more to become a major player workwide. Hels 20 years old and has a long.

le's 20 yeers old and has a long lime to play. Markovic could prove to become a very important player in Europe."

Crucially, nebody at averpool believes the Serb is already a linished product, Manager Rodgers said as much when the deal was completed: Getting him at such a young age is very pleasing for us because we will be able to work with him to develop his talent within our group and improve him eyen further Markovic is the sort of character who is hungry to get better and progress. this is what we look

for in players."

"We'll work with him to develop his talent in the group and improve him"

in many ways the signing is similar

to that of Daniel Stumdge and Philippe Coutning young players who clearly had potential and have progressed and matured since joining LFC in January 2013. Clearly the plan is for Markovic to follow the same path. Where exactly he will fit into the manager's plans isn't certain yal During his time in Liebon he displayed tactical flaxibility when required. "He played mainly on the wings," Nuno Travasos says. "But he was always coming into the middle. Ithat's his layourde move and he also likes to play as second forward with a lot of freedom," Tom Kundert concurs. He is an attacking midfielder who can play through the middle or on the Banks Initially he seemed to do most of his best work in central areas, but he later proved very effective making highspeed diagonal runs from either llank." Modest Markovic isn't concerned

about where he's utilised "I do not mind. The left sole is preferable but I'll play wherever asked it is not my place to say [what I can offer]. Hopefully my porthobing will show on the pitch."



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Midfielder, wideman, centre-back, full-back...Emre can play anywhere, learns Simon Hughes

They say: "Error is one of those players that always gives 100 per cent on the plich. He isa very dynamic player and does the simple things perfectly. He will have a great career at Liverpool. With his work ethic. the tans will love him. Reds legend Sami Hyypta, who managed Can at Bayer Leverkuson. Random tact: In 2011, Erres captained Germany to the semis

of the Joder 17s World Cup.

the 2013/14 Sundestiga was unveiled at the press conference. campaign was due to start in seven days. Beyor Leverkusen ed of baruprays erew signing a midfielder Sami Hyypla, then matches. There was an impression Laveriusen's menager had regularly dispatched senior scouts to South America over the previous six months. trying to find the player he hoped might make a difference. He wanted Champions League quarication, increased squad numbers and specifically someone who could offer more energy in the centre of the oilch it was a surprise when Ernre Can-

receits Bild newspaper writer Philip Arens. Peo Guardiole was the new coach of PC Bayent [Munich] and had salected Errive in a lot of the Hendly that Guardiola was going to use him in the leadure dames

Bayem's idea instead was to release Can to another Bundesiga club for two saasons before signing him back if all went well. Leverhusen would receive. a profit for their part in the player's development: Can would return to Beyana with a heightened sense of experience. Bayers would have a





more rounded individual.

Before Philipp Lahrn earned that first of 113 caps for the German national team he was sent to VIB Stuttgart in a similar deal, while more racently Toni Kroos benefited from ame at Leverkusen, and David Alaba at Hötlenheim

Lahm said it was at Stuttoart where he learned 'the realities of lootball." In his 2011 autobiography he reflects on the contrast between the first and the second second second went from being nominated for the German footballer of the year award to missing out on half-a-campaign due to a stress fracture of his foot and then knee-ligament damage. The setbacks Thelped me become this player. he wrote

Having since established himself as erguably the world's most complete lul-back, Lahm was also played in central midfield by Guardiola - a position where he was accompanied indeed by Kroos "At other clubs Can would have been a first-choice player." Arens says. "But this is FC Bayern.

Can moved to Munich in 2009 aged 15, after impressing for the youth teams of Eintracht Frankfurt in his home city. Scouts noted his athletic build, range of passing and straightbacked eleganos, "He could also use both feel and play in a number

"He was moved around to learn the diametrics of the pitch"

of positions," Arens says, "In Germany this is not unusual because no player stavs in the same position his whole life At Bayerr they move players around to make them understand the diametrics of the pitch. If you are a central midfielder but have experience of playing as a winder you are more likely to approcate where the winger is going to run

Carr was called up to various German youth teams before captaining his country at the U17 World Cup in Mexico in 2011. At the quarter-final stage Germany met an England side with four players that would after feature for Liverpool's first team: Raheem Sterling, Brad Smith, Jack Dunn and Adam Morgani Canwas Germany's noB while Samed Yesil then of Leverkusen and now of Jiverpool - was not With his pace and nutriess finishing Yesil exploded into the tournament, scoring six odals. including two against England during a 3-2 victory. Yet Can's influence was considerable. "Can was the first player the Germans looked fowards recalls Adam Morgan, "He was the out-ball. whenever they were in trouble. From there he kept everything ticking along."

Although Germany were bealen in the semi-linar by hosts and eventual winners Mexico, Can was proud of leading a squad in which he was one of six players with Turkish backgrounds; "As captain 4 was a failing that ultimately we did not reach the final and wirk. But every player has learned things that we will carry into our career. Sometimes you learn more from defeat.

Back in Germany he was presented with the prestigious Fritz Walter Medal for his efforts, an award proviously won by World Cup winning goalscorer Mano Gotze. "This was recognition that Emra was the key player in his age. group," Arens says. "The Leverkusen midfielder Lars Bender is also a past winner it is not given out lightly and anyone who wins this is expected to become an established international footballer in the luture."

Can made his debut for Bayem's senior team in a 2-1 win over Borussia. Dortmund in the 2012 DFL Supercup, the German version of the Chanty Shield Positioned at left-back, he lined up alongside Lahm, Jerome Boateng



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liverpoolfc.com/anfieldexperience 0151 263 7744 and Dente in Bayern's defence and provided for pass for a goet by Thomas Afuller. Coach Jupp Heynckes was impressed with the debulant who paleyd To munutes before being withdrawn. Ernie managed to subdue [Dommand's hing winger] Man Reus. Heynckes and. He can be very pleased.

De vary presessor. There was an IB-month walt for a langua debut, however. With another Bundesliga the already secured and Bayern a month away from witning the Champions League. Can was selected in the centre of midfield beside. Ukraman international Anatoly Tymostichluk during a 4-0 win over Numberg at the Alkanz. Arena, Alterwards heynokes spoke of Can's composure in possession of the ball. Although: he added.

that was expected " in the summer of 2013 Can wailed a month to make his first appearance for Leverhusen with Hyppa reasoning that he did not want to disrupt tactical patterns that had been worked on

during pre-sesson white Can was still at Bayern. He eventually started a game when Leventuser violed Manchester United in the Champions beague. Despite a 4-2 defeat. His performance was good enough to reportedly impress watching Liverpool souts in the stands.

In the Bundessiga he was the star player when Levelhusen drew with Bayern at the start of October 2013 and scored a fine individual goal against Augsburg. His versolity and consistency until the writter break impressed Arms. There were obvious characteristics like the power of his nans and the power of his shot, as well as the balance. But the was never lower than a six out of 10.5"

In the second half of the season Can was comfortable enough in his new surroundings to start "dominating" games from the middle of the ottch, white also performing calmly when selected as a left-back or even at centre-half as he did with only 10 minutes induce at Hamburg ofter Philips Wolseheld injured hirriself in the warn-up. The team was struggling. with form at the time and it led to Hyypia being removed as manager the following morning. But Emre was mature enough to play as a central defender and was widely regarded as the team's bost performer on the day during a 2- i defeat.

His displays for unverkusen led to Karl-Heinz Runmonigge Bayem si chairman companing Cair to

Michael Ballack and describing hum as one of biologist talents in German kootball In 32 starts across all competitions during the 2013: 4 saason he netted four goals and claimed four assists, despite astrally operating in a defensive capacity. He was expected to continue his development at Jeverkusen during the forthcoming campaign before returning to Bayern then min' rigie of ni bayom loogray). Ernne has all the abilities to be a

huge success in the Premier League " Arens conclusies "He is cascable of playing as a number 6 not8 or over a not1 in modfield. But he is also capable of being a centre-back a list-back or lett-winger." There are leve 20 year olds in world footbast with his vesticatility. There are also leve players who can pendorm with stength in each position.

"Emre has all the abilities to be a huge success in the Premier League"

HAMANN ON EMBE



At the age of 16 or 17 I wasn't ready phay/cally for first-team lookall. Thenkhally in my late leans grown all more and that helped me to become a professional flootballer.

From what I've seen, I think to Erner Can has gone through the same type of late development, in the last year or two he seems, to here grown and filled or. That's probably helped him to second a better player. There is, no doubt he is before the That's why Bayem Munich signed him in the "first place and also why they had a buy-back clause in the deal that took him to Bayer. Leverlausen a year ago.

I think he's exactly the type of player Liverpool should be going for. He's only 20 and has a fot of potential. His time at Laverhusen has definitely been beneficial. Sayer is a great club for young players because they try to play football the right way.

The main area I feet he needs to improve is goalscuring, he's got a powerful shot and the engine to drive into the box and captelise on opportunities. He just needs to do it more often and is capable if he continues to work hard.

The biggest challenge will be adjusting from Bundesligs to Premier League. I know it land easy and the pace of football in this country is even faster now. If he can quickly get up to speed f believe he has the ability to be another very winewal addition.



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"LIVERPOOL IS MORE THAN A CLUB"

Dejan Lovren tells LFCTV's Matt Walker about his delight in joining the Reds with familiar faces

They say: "I looked quite closely at Dejan Lovren all filly asw erl northy noasse last Southempton and think he's a very good detender and a good option. One of the main reasons that Liverpool olidn't win the Premier League title last year wasn't the fact that they didn't score enough goals but because they didn't defend well enough in the last few games." Former Liverpool midfielder Ray Houghton, speaking on Sky Sports Nove recently Random tact: Dojan is co-owner of a Croatien-based feshion company.

Dejan Lovien, Liverpool FC player - how does that sound?

It sounds amazing and it's a drawn come true I'm happy and glad to be here "m proud and can" wait to start.

What are you most looking lonyard to about playing for Liverpool?

'm most looking forward to Anfield of course. I played there last season in front of the crowd singing You?! Aever Walk Alone. That is something very special for every player every sportsman and every fan. can't wall to get started.

All a younger player did you

Impw much about Liverpool?

Yes of course I grew up in Germany and didn't watch English lootball that

much. But from 2008 weathing the (UBFA Chemplons League) final as a 16-year-old agens! AC Mian. which was an amazing game. It made me think the club as special. When I come here to Metwood I and see the brighty fin the tryet I a makes me want to hold it one thing lim the Mutto).

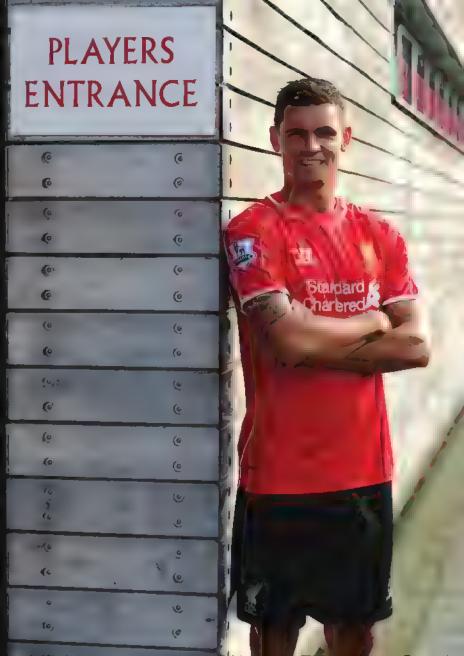
What do you know about the club and its history?

I know we have millions and millions of supporters. Liverpoor is more than a football club.

You spent one memorable season with Southampton – how do you reflect on that year at SI Mary's? It was just one season and it was

really short, but we had a great season with the team and it was







"Last season I sensed the feeling around the stadium at Anfield"

amazing to play at St Mary's. It was the first time I had played in England and was proud to play for Southampton I'll take good memories from my time there.

Meeting up with your new team-mates, there are a couple of familiar faces in Rickie Lambert and Adam Lalians that must be a great feeling for you?

Yes of course, but it's not just Riche or Adam — also wanted to meet insection selection and the selection selection start with them. They are top players and top ads. Of course it now Adam and Riche a lot better from last season they are great players and they deserve to be here.

What do you think Rickle

brings to this Liverpool team?
He has a lot of experience, has played a lot of games in the Premier League

and the Championship also. Riche scored a lot of important goals last season and I learned a lot of things from him. He was like a leader for us.

What can you tell us about Adam uslana?

I really enjoyed playing with Adam tast season: it was annazing. He was the main player playing all of the games. Like Rickle he is a great leader even though he is only 26. Now the dream has bome true and we will get the chance to play together.

You accred just twice for Southampton, one of them the winner against Liverpool at Anfield In the league last season, What

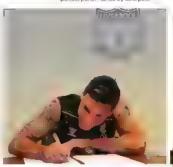
did that mornori mean to you? It was an amazing moment for me because before and after the game I sensed the beging and ethroughest should the stadium. (will never larget the victory we achieved that afternoon and espocially getting the goal. After the game I said to myself one day I hope III be able to play here for unempool.

Apert from the goal, what else do you remember about playing at Antield that day?

Jose Forte my defensive partner at Southampton, told me to lister to You'll Never Walk Alone before the first whistle and to enjoy the moment. It was really amazing. I had chills on my airms and it's something that I will never longet I want to listen to that song every other weekend now I'm with Jiverpoot.

Which Liverpool players slood out for you in that second game at SI Mary's?

It was Sturridge and Suarez of course. But of course the detence too as not a lot of teams come to St Mary's and not concede a goal, so it was a perfect performance by Everpool



What have you made of manager Brendan Rodgers, plans for Liverpool, in this coming season and beyond?

We have spoken a little bit. Liverpool have already bought several players, so you can see the club has big ambitions to carry on and not stop here. Of course, I want to be part of the Little services.

And what have you made of Liverpool's playing style under the boss?

I file his style, it's umazing and quite similar to Southampton. Their games last year were great persoularly the win at St Mary s. Liverpool play amazing lootball so I can't wait to join up with the team. It is a privilege to be here.

For anyone who may not have seen you play how would you describe yourself as a footballer?

"Liverpool play amazing football so I couldn't wait to join the team"

I'm a defender but I don't really like

to talk about my qualities, as I want to show them on the prich. The lans will know from the first marute that am a player that will give 100 per cent on the prich, who will really give everything for the lacts.

This summer you played in your first World Cup finals with your home nation Croatia - what positives did you take from the whole experience?

It was an amazing experience for me as it was the first time I have been to the World Cup finals. I will never longel the opening game against Sezal in Sao Paulo I don't know how many billion people were watching! But I'm obvoisy disappointed that we were eliminated after the three games in our group. That seal, I think we have a quality team and quality players, so hopefully in the future we will do better

And how much are you looking forward to European nights in the UEFA Champions League as a Liverpool player?

I was playing in it before and it is a dream to play in Champions League because you are playing against the big teams and it is good football for everyone. Hopefully we will get a good group and it will be enjoyable for everyone.

bit more at this



THE DYNAMO OF DINAMO



Dejan Lovren was born in present-day Boania and Herzegovina, and was raised in Gernany before re-estiting in Croatia. He signed for Dinamo Zagreb in 2004 and at 17 made his full league debut before a two-year loan at Inter Zapresic where he played in more than 50 garnes.

Upon his return Dejan was introduced to the Chemolons League squad and his performances in Europe lad to a move in January 2010. to Olympique Lyonnais for a fee of around £8million, in his first full campaign with the French club he starred in the Champions League, scoring his side s first goal away to Benfice, Lyon reached the lest 16 before elimination by Real Madrid, Having made his international debut for Creatia in 2009, he missed out on the 2012 European Championship held in Poland and Jilgaine because of an Achilles tendon injury.

His consistency at the heart of Lyon's defence led to a transfer to Southempton where he appeared 31 times, scoring twice. One of his goals came against Liverpool at Anfield during a 1-0 win for the Saints. Upon joining Liverpool last month, Reds manager Brendan Redgers described him as a 'very important signing, he is a commending and powerful presence and dearly has leadership skills. He lits the profile of player we are looking for His peak years are aheed of him and I believe he will improve even further with us."





OUTRAGEOUSLY TALENTED AND WORKS VERY HARD"

What makes Adam Latlana special? John Hynes asks his first coach and a South Coast reporter

Truty says "In my opinion, if Adam Lollams had a Brazillam mationality, a Spanish variationality, a mationality, a Spanish variationality, if he were another Melat, Oscar, leazand or any of these types of players then for sure he would be going with their national side. I mily believe thet." Former Saints boss Mauricia Pochettina speeding in Fehruary Paradom Lack. Adam hae a Spenish grandfasher.

heri Terry Watendge was busy running looiball

sessions for kids at Bournemouth FC's Centre of Excellence the last thing he needed was for a youngster on the sidelines to be constantly pestiming him

"He was about 6 or 7 years old and used to begine to play even though he was still too young at the time," "emembers Terry "He'd ask all the coaches to let him take part

Eventually Waleridge Intertext and allowed the boy in questions to join in with the cloter facts instantly, he lockled as frome among his seniors. Adam Latteria was the arrhand of eventure the Latteria was the arrhand of eventure the out-was his underlievably curior feet he was a nathreal who could use they

*Even being able to use both his left and right foot equally well seamed to be instrictive. We haven't got hos many genumely two-footed players in England but Adam is one of them





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Obviously he's continued to work on that strength since then. There was also flart to his game, which is unusual for someone so young. Sometimes that is coached out of players. I always by to encourage if, let acts like Adam be natural and express themselves.

Ability wean't the young uslans a only attribute. There was also his boundless arthusiasm Waterdige continues. "I know a lot of boys tove football but he just couldn't get enough. He always had a ball. I don't brisk is ever saw him welhout one Astam was an exceptionally chippy ladtorever smiling. When he book to the pitch for a game it was the same. He loved baing out there.

He wanted to soak up all and actives and help we gave he was like a sponge This family linew how committed he was and ensured he newer missed training.

The second second with the obvious progress that Adam made while with Bournemouth meant it wasn't a major shock when Southampton asked him to move along the South Coast and join their academy set-up as a 12-year-old "Adam was our best player and I didn't want to lose him," adds Terry 'In the end though I realised it was impossible to keep him when a Premier League club were intenssted Now i have to admit, time has proved a was a good decision. What Southampton did to help him develop was brilliant. It worked out very well for Adam and that's the most important thing. Lallana quickly adapted to life with his new dub. By the time he reached his 16th birthday he was

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"People would discuss endlessly where to play him in the team"

almady in the reserve team

It was around that three Adam unitidbarted reporting on the Saints for the Southern Daily Echo. "Immediately you could see Lallann had qualify you really caught the eye." The journalist says. "He was the focus of that reserve side, pleying a not "0 role behind two strieers. His job was to pick up the ball and do what he does best.

"Quick feet, vision and a killer pass. he had nearly everything. Finishing is something he's developed more latterly but even before then he did contribute goals regularly. The fact that he sigenuinally two-toolsd made him stand out. He was so comfortable jon each side] that you had no lidea whether he was left-footed or right-footed.

"Pace wasn't a huge asset of his but I think he's actually got quicker in recent years. Besides, sprinting past a full-back an't what his game is about." Despite the teenager's obvious ability

he d make it to the very lop. The problem was where to put him in the team. "When you saw Gareth Bale as a youngster was obvious he would spend many years playing at either eit-back on tellurenty before he developed in to the player he has become." Leaten explaints. The was a natural fit. With Adam it wasn't so clear You couldn't pushly building a team around someone so volunce.

"At the same time you couldn't just with its immense talent go to waste People discussed it andlessly and would come up with suggestions about where he could fit in Initially Southampton phased him in to the could be and it was a case of his undoubted talent seems him through."

Difficult times for the club were arguably the making of the player Saints were relegated to the Championship in 2005 and spent four years at that level before dropping into League One at the end of 2006/09 Leitch continues Adam is outrageously talented and he works very hard. To make it, you usually need those qualities and a little bill of luck His good fortune came in the shape of Southampton's descent at the time Obviously it was temble for the club as they were trying to stave off administration it meant they had to play the youngslars. That was the only choice. Adam was one of those and he took his chance superbly Competitive lootball at such a young age really benefited him

If meant that when the dub began to recover Lattana was established in the side. Operating in a roaming left-side of-midfield role, he played a vital part in





"I get the impression that he feels now is his time - his best is to come"

ifting the Saints back up to the Premier League. Although younger than a lot of his colleagues he also became captain of the side. Riche Lambert once commentat! "I book up to Adam even though "in older than him."

When Saints returned to the top light to 2012/13 the team switched to a 4-2-3-1 formation with utilizer opporating arrywhere along the ine benind the lone frontinasi, quito offer Lambert. Adam's impressive performances, goals and assists led to his England clobul against Chile in November 2013 and distributely his transfer to Anfield.

get the Impression that he feels now is his time." Lettch reasons "He is more then done his apprendiceship During the World Cup people constantly referred to him and Luke Shaw as the Seints youngaters. But Adam's not I a youngster). He is 28 now and has played an awful tot of garnes. He's very experienced and should have his prime years aheed of him."

Though obviously keen to become a Red, the players was understandably sad to leave the club where he di grown up. That was emphasised by a thank-you message sent to the dub's supporters via Leitch's newspaper the Southern Daily Echo. "It. wasn't something we were expecting. Most players keep their head down once they've signed a contract somewhere else There was no agent or 4.0000 1.6 (8.00)

holiday after he'd signed for Everpool and got in touch.

"He just wanted to let the Santis fans torow that he was very thankful for ewempthing Southempland file for him and the way the fans had beated him. I think it was a classy move. He wrote the words himself and oversaw the design of it it him it is say a class out him and he character it is that which has helped him get so lar and should fileso him do

well at Uverpool."

QUICK Q&A



MUCH OF YOUR LIFE ON THE SOUTH COAST,

It's huge. Liverpool have got as much history and after the season they had test sesson, I cen't well to get started and help build on their. Champions Lague football is book – everyone is testing me that the atmosphere at Arrifeld is something pools. It's great that I can continue my career with

IS HE GOING TO BE NOW YOU'RE BOTH HERE?

A massive help, i've sport the last four or five years with him. We've had greet careers at Southeropton and achieved something special, but we're both looking forward to the new challenge.

WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON YOU SPOKE TO ABOUT THIS MOVE?

Probebly my dad, my tamily and my write. A lot of my close triends are Southampton lains but they understand this is an opportunity that you just can't turn down. At the age I'm at, it's the right step.

DO YOUR AMBITIONS AS A PLATIE CHAME BOW THAT YOU'RE AT A CLUB LIKE THIS?

They have to - It's a huge club compete in the Champions Leegue. I'm just going to push to do the beet I can.





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"HE'S THE ONE I'M MOST EXCITED ABOUT SEEING"

Rickie Lambert gets the no9 shirt - and one former wearer is delighted, writes William Hughes

They say: "Riccio will just get better and better and better as he becomes more familier with the group and becomes accustomest to the playing style. Hell get goals for us and I'm delighted he's here. He's a wonderful cheracter." Ratis boss Brondan Rodgers Ramdom Tects Rickie somed all 34 penalities that he book for Southamphon.

thas been guts a year for Rickie Lambert who became uverpool's first signing of the summer in early June The sinkers 12 months to remember began on 8 August 2013 when he was called into the England aquad for the first time at the age of 31 On the same day his wife gave birth to their third child.

The script got better. So, days later he made his international debut for England, replacing Wayne Rooney. in the Wembley frendly against Scotland and he hoaded the winning goal in a 3-2 vm - just 223 seconds affair entering the litary. He condituded his form into the 2010/14 season by contributing 19 league goals in 27 games as Southermpton entryed another good Premier Lasgue compalgn, finishing eighth.

Richa's subsequent joy all moving to Liverpool has been well-documented but he received a further filip ahead of the US four when he was handed the



"I would have been happy with any number but the no9 is special for me"

no9 shirt previously worn by greats such as ian Studini, Ian Rush, Robble Fowler and Fernando Torres

"If a great number for me to weer for Liverpool, he says." We always seen myset as a nod as its the type of payer, am, and to get if all uverpool is unbolievable, would have been happy with any number, as long as that badge is on the front. But to get mod is special for me.

Lambert made his Liverpool bow in the pre-season frendly at Preston. He direpted back for training a week shaad of schedule following his commitments with England at the World Cup where he ditaken his cap-count to seven was a little bit revivous because if was always going to be a special occasion pulling on that top for the first bine but lenoyed it." he is all the comment of the country of the comment of the country of t

flittds legend Robbie Fowler believes Riche who was released by JFC as a youngster will be one to watch in the 2014/15 season. "He's the one "inmost excited about. When you look at his life story it's incredible to think that he's signed for unerpool after having been let go as a schoolooy. Know myself what it is like to join unerpool for a second time as a local aid twon a lot of medals with Liverpool but nothing topped that feeling of signing for the second time

You can took at how hand Rtokie's worked in his professional career and you know what it means to him "im really looking forward to seeing how he gists on this season."



COMING



Liverpool FC has also announced that seven Academybased players have signed professional contracts. They include detender Kevin Stewart, who figured in the first-team triendlies against Srondby and Preston, and goalkaeper Lawrence Vigouroux, who played for the UZts against Fulham last season while on trial. The pair join playmaker Sergi Canos, defensive midfielder Pedro Chirtvella, Wales winger Harry Wilson, midfielder Jordan Williams and striker Sheyl Ojo in perming pro deals.





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ow good is he? It's a ever liw tert nodasup formed in the minds of many uverpool players over recent weeks Thev'll have been directing it towards each of the many new signings that Brendan Rodgers has made

As a footballer that is only natural. When someone arrives you usually aren't sure about the impact they'll have Obviously if 4 s a workt-class talent, such as when Gerard Houliler brought in Jan Litmanen from Barcelona, you know all about them already. But the majority of players. eren't in that bracket. When Gerard signed a number of players from France they were unfamiliar to us

All players arrive with question marks hanging over them. Will they be able to cope with the pressures of playing. for a big dub that has to win every week? It they are from abroad, can they make the necessary adjustments to suppeed in a new pountry?

When I came to England from Bayer Munich in 998 was shocked by just how different the football was It book me a few weeks to get up to speed with the pace, intensity and

the fact that what was considered a definite foul in the Bundesings was quite often ignored or not even noticed by English referees. That year at Newcastle United allowed me to adapt and helped massively when I then moved to Liverpool. The fact that I also had some grasp of English was a big benefit.

The first day that a new player trains with the squad he knows he's being assessed by everyone. That is a test of their mentality we seen some tads come in and be brilliant that day and in the pre-season frenches that followed: but then not so good cace the real games arrived. They just couldn't produce when it mattered.

The opposite is true too. There have been new lads who came in and didn't look anything special in training, but when we had competitive foliures they were ready and delivered the goods

The problem for managers and clubs is you can never be certain about any transfer. Nowadays everything is looked at before a decision is made to bring in someone. That can include who their friends are, how they spend their spare time, their family's background and so on.

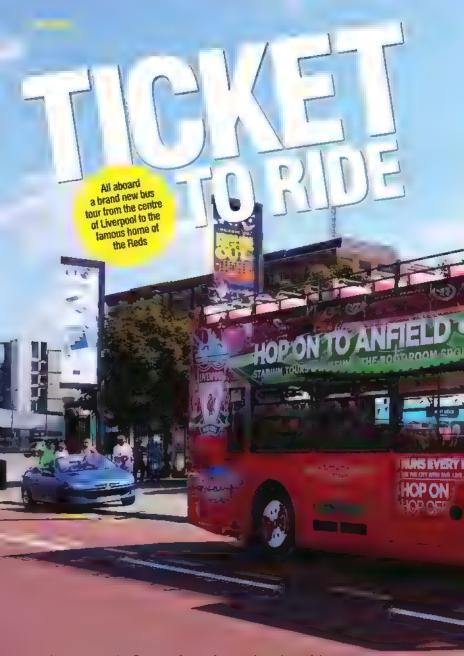
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"Handling expectation is one of the main challenges of joining Liverpoo

Not even spending a vast sum ensures the player will be a success. My take on 4 is that if Liverpool offer someone a contract they must have same talent. Bringing that out isn't easy and the reasons why it doesn't happen aren lalways obvious to lans. What if his wife and hids can't sattle in the area? He's going to find life very difficult then it's often the unseen problems that prove decisive in why a player doesnit make it

Arryone arriving this summer does so knowing that there is more expectation on the squad to do wall after finishing second. Handling that is pair of the challenge and we're about to find out who's up for it.

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n LFC tour bus destined for Anfield is the last place you might exped to find a family of West Bronn lans until the mum among the contingent from the Black Country explains. 'My youngest is a huge Everpool supporter Lionel Massa used to be his favourte player but for the last few years it's been all about Steven Gerrard He has Gerrard on the back of his shirts and on posters alt over his wall. So I promised I'd take him to Liverpool and after saving up for a few years we're here now. He can't wait to gel to the ground

The young tad's excitement is matched by the enthusiasm of our tour guide Phil as we depart Albert Dook on a day so glonous that it is impossible to locate a cloud in the endlessly blue sky.

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th the exception of Neukin Greenland, iceland's Reyleavit is the assignment of the Medical State of the Assignment of the Medical State of the Assignment of

Around the time uverpool FC embarked on their first European expedition, to face first European Reypanklur for simply IGR Reyfanklip Sir Edmund Hillary was training in localand's criticals fields in preparation for a two year trisk across the Firstleyes. Unit over a decade earlier he di become the first man on the planet to reach the summit of Mallier Micross.

Liverpool's fourney to the remote country's point of entry was unconventional. The team travelled so; hours by bus to Prestwick in Scotland and stayed in Butlins.

Ayrshire at the bohea of Bill Shankly "Nobody knew wa were staying in a holiday camp until we actually arrived at the gates in scalely Willie Stevenson. Liverpool's Leith-born motifieder "From the front of the bus. Bill stepped forward and informed the security guard with the Infamous words. "We are u-verpool Football Club and we are on our way to Europe we are on our way to Europe."

"The guard responded: "think you're on the wrong road"

From Scotland, the party made the once-week chartered llight over the North Adanc Cosen. There were reports of a volcanc eruption off the coast of lociand with a new island being formed as a result. Sevension remembers the detour and the breathlaking serial views as the pilot made his unshoulded approach.

"We were quite high up but close enough to see leve spilling everywhere. It's not every day you see an enupting volcand when you're on the way to a game.

Stevenson was the only player in the Liverpool squad to have previously





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experienced European lootball having represented Glasgow Rengers on their run to the semi-finals of the European Cup in 1960. En route they aliminated Anderlecht, Grabslava and Sparter Rotterdam before being knocked out by Eintracht Frankfurt, who eventually succumbed to the great Real Madrid side that included Ference Puskas and Alfredo di Stefano in the Hampden Park final, A scoreline of 7-3 reflected Madnd's strength

"Frankfur! scored six at librox and smat their place, giving them a 12-4 aggregate win," Willie says. "They were one hell of a side and we deservedly got a pasting. God knows what the score would've been had we played Madnd if mightive been in doublefigures went to the final at Hampden as a spectator and tike anyone else who was there can tell you that Madnd were arguably the greatest club side there has ever boen

Stevensor left Rangers for Liverpool in 1962, not long after promotion from the old Second Division was secured. Despite exchanging regular European lootball for a team only expected to achieve moderate success in England's top flight the Scot could see there was a special desire on the comdors of influence at Anfield

When I first met Bill Shankly his chansma shone through But like a lot of pievers and Ron Yeets and lan St John will probably agree with this

I thought he was a bit over-ambitious years Liverpool would be champions of England, Instead we did it within 18 months

A 5-0 victory over Arsenal had secured the championship in April 1964. "I don't think any of the players understood the magnitude of what we'd achieved. There was a feeling among the socied that other learns underestimated us and even though we had a year's experience in the First Division, we still managed to catch a lot of teams cold. It was only when we finished severith in 1964:65 that it made many of us realise just what an achievement winning the life actually was."

Before entering European competition for the first time, the Liverpool squad undertook a lour of United States. II was pruelling preparation. "I'd never been to the US before so it was a completely new expenence for me." Stevenson pontinues. 'Ever then, the stadiums over there were known cidemot and compared to what we were used to in Britain. We took the four sendusty and wanted to win every game and really make our mark over there bacause we were the First Division champions and wanted to prove to the world that we could compete with foreign opposition.

There were mound results. The garner Slevensori remembers most was one against German side Duisburg in Vancouver "If was held on the anniversary of VE day. As you can magine it was right old battla-Gordon Wallace broke his lag."

Hallway through the tro. Shankly



A page from an ofic operations

connect up with the team "Shanks never used to come on tours with us but he made an effort this time He liked his home tile with Nessie Shanks was lasonated by New York and Chicsoo. James Cagney was his favourite actor so when we visited Manhattan he was visiting all the famous sites and bars that he drank in He was there for a holiday

Desorte berna readuce charmorons. Liverpool were still a relatively new squad. All the time spent together provided an ideal opportunity for group bonding. There were an awful tot of jokers in that dressing-room. You had to keep your wits about you ken St John was ruthless, as was Gooff Strong, Tommy Smith was another The best prank ever played was on Bobby Graham when we were staying in San Francisco. We were meant tri be flying to Vancouver so we all piled on the bus on the way to the airport and Bob Paisley read out a list of names to check everyone was there When it came to Bobby one of the lade just shouled. Here' and that was

Unfortunately Boloby was still in the hotel fast asleep. Bob Pasley only realised this by the time we arrived in Vancouver so he wasn't best pleased. From then on Bob ran a head-count by walking up and down the bus. checking manually. Bobby got another fight the haid day

When time came for Liverboot's tripto Revisiavik two months later it was ian St John and All Arrowsmith's turn to mass the plane this time through injury. Ever with absentees. Reykjavik charman Einar Saemundsson was not in a confident mood, taking the local



"The Icelandic players were a really good bunch of lads"

press "Only one thing is certain: this is the end of the road into Europe for us. But with such opponents it will have been worthwhile. We expect to receive a lesson.

On 17 August 1964 the two sides met in the European Cup preiminary round first leg. Gordon Walface, who had miraculously recovered from the legbreak suffered two months earlier in the States, accord "verpool's first goal in Europe after just three minutes. "The pilich was bobbly and the stands were really close to the pitch," recalls Willie. "There were more than 10,000 inside. the stadium and they were making a. right din. From expenence I knew that if you gave amateur sides like Reykyavik a bit of hope, they'd come on top and start kicking you. But as soon as wescored, their confidence went and we ran out gude easy winners 5-0.

A month later Reykgavik - who ware also ideland's first alde to corrolle in Europe imade the return the to Antield, losing 6-1 "Their players were a really good bunch of lads. They brought all of their families over and treated that a holiday think they had a few mights out in Liverpool. after the came. The tie was won but we still managed to rattle another six past. them + hadn't scored and was getting a bil frustrated. But the Kop look pity on Reykjavík and by the time we'd reached double-figures on appreciate. the tens started booing us whenever we attacked. It was typical Scouse humour I still ended up getting a dought though

Although Liverpool finished seventh in the First Division that season, further victories in the European Cup over Anderlecht and Cologne secured a sem-final te with Inter Man a tie Infamous in Liverpools & Instory

"In the first leg at Ardied the crowd was unbelievable Werd won the FA Cup a lew days believe for the first time and they were right up for it. The triskians froze. Of course we then lost 3-0 in the Sain Saro and got knocked out it still hards when I think about the game in Main Could let in the first live minutes that the referred wesn't going to do us any favours. There were some very odd decisions

"I'm sure if we'd beaten Inter Milan we'd have beaten Benfica in the final as well. We were tambly unjucky That Liverpool team was the best one. I'd played in and far better than the



"It's clear that the European game hes changed a fot since the Siddles, purely because of the number of games motived in the Champions Leegue. In 1964/156 we only needed to pass through four rounds and we'd be in the final, which in the end, he had not sales roompetition to win. But Reyliquek, eside, they ware all really lough games that firsted us all the way Cubes from the Eastern Bloc and from countries Blo Begium, Protugal and France would pose far more problems back then that they do now. We were complete nonces, so just to get to the semi-final against intar then managed by one of the most expensed coaches in world toolall. Helenio Herraru, was a hunce achievement.

No wonder Wilfe is proud that he was there 50 years ago when Liverpool began their Continental odyssity of lealand. It's hard to get your head around what has happened since that match, in ferms of the trophies that uverpool have won these is humble beginning.



WHAT REYKJAVIK DID NEXT...

KR is the nidest and most successful club in (celand and the country's reigning champions. After winning the inaugural Icolandic title in 1912 the club's board decided to wear the colours of the English champions from that yeer since then, KR have played in the black and white stripes of Newcastia United Jntl 1968 they'd dominated the domestic game, wirving 20 league tibes, but them was a 31-year wait contil their 21st, after suffering relegation in 1977 KR share a long-standing local rivalry with Fram and have produced a few footballers that have achieved success abroad Eldur Gudjohnsen, Amer Gunnlaugsson (former Bolton) and Srynjar Gunnarson (Reading) are ex KR players. Jim Bott, the former Scotland informational, more famous from his time at Aberdeen, olayed for KR in 1994.



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movie about anyuably the greatest

night in unerpool FC's history—the dub and Stray Dogs Films have announced the worldwide release of new independent British film One Night in Islambut

Supported by fans and players alike and taking as its backdrop the 2005 UEFA Champions League final, the after is due to be released in cinemas in September Followed by a Home

Entertainment release this will be an unmissable chance to re-live memories of that legendary night in Turkey

Based on the original hit stage play by Nicky Alfi antenewed elsewhere in this issue of the magazine the film follows two down-on-their-hick Liverpoot cabbies. Tommy and Geny who strike an unusuel deal with a local gangster to take ther sons on a tip of to the constant of the cons



The new movie is based on the original hit stage play by Nicky Allt

a lifetime, by watch their beloved taam play in the final in Istanbu. However big trouble awaits them in the form of two nathless crooks and a huge bag of stellar each. It is not long before the pressure on the prich is almost as heated as the action off it.

Featuring a host of well-loved acting talent, including Paul Barber (The Full Monty Only Fools and Horses).

Samartha Womack (Estenciders, Game Orl), Steven Waddington (Shepy Hollow The Parole Officar) and Lucen Laviscourt Waterloo Road Grange Hell One Appli in Istaribut will appeal not only to Reds Ians all over the world: as well as other tootbalf fans, but to anyone who enjoys a good comedy Watch this space.

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Liverpool Ladies midfielder Amanda Da Costa on the Women's Super League season so far, keeping it real in the community, and why failure can be key to success

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as we started the second half of our
sesson with are unphortunde setback.

One of the most special things about a championship team is their dealine to turn negatives into positives Aller regrouping from the loss, we were unbeaten after four straight matchines and found curselves siting closer to the top of the table which is exactly where we wanted to be

While we've found ourselves

"A special thing about a top team is turning negatives always into positives"

working extremely hand to correct the problems on the pitch and deliver womang performances, we have also had the time to reach out to loads in the nearby community in order to leave a possible impact on their lives. Our 2013 championship trophy has been on a school four with my team-mates, and I taking it along so the folds can relief in its beauty and take sellies with our price and joy. At these vielts we've affect size per in O&A sessions where all of the lidds have been surprisingly engaged and withing to find out more about us and what we do for a living.

If I can pause for a moment. I realise that you the readers, are always.







hearing about athletes reaching out to the community, and see your standard photograph of one athlete smiling with a group of children, but you rarely hear of what exactly is said during these meet-and-greets. My American comrade Libby Stout joined me at Halton Statium (home to the Liverpool Ladies) for a schoolwide sports day with several hundred children competing in various athletic games on the pitch, cheered on by their classmates, while others took pert in indoor activities Libby and had the opportunity to spend 30 minutes at a time with erougs of students of all different ages throughout the entire day and tried give them a bit of motivation.

One of the common questions we were asked was: why do you play lootball? Now that is a very

"Why do



complicated question if you ask me! But I fried my best to answer. For me. lootball has always been my escape. and my place where have always. gone to find myself it has laught me life-lessons that I take with me wherever I og. and has allowed me to see and experience different parts of the world. I have made some of the best friends (will ever meet through this sport, and most importantly it. has given me the cit of failure. Let me explain. If I tailed 1000 times.

that still wouldn't be enough. It is through all of these failures, the doubts.

and the tears, where I have ligured out how to succeed and I think that is one lesson that is hard to find

Personally, twouldn't lind a simple ife very fulfilling. I'm far too competitive for that, I think that it's lascinating how Our mind can push us lurther than our bodies think they can go, and I find joy in exploring my limits every day I lace up my boots and go to work. I mass up a lot. but lind of like that about myself

What love even more is that have an outlet such as football which always encourages me to be creative



"I find it fascinating how our minds push our bodies further than they think"

to make mistakes, to solve them and to be better because of them.

The message I by to deliver to the tids whom: am flucky enough to impact upon ain't to be a professional anti-de or a flootbeller. I just want hem to undestand that if hey find something that they love: amything at all. the passion that they will lee! from doing it will enable them to push their aints, discover new things about their aints, discover new things about path and experience things that they never thought they would experience. Following what we are passionate. about, and trusting where it can take us, is one of the most ratural and rewarding things we can do. What

we can gain from it is boundless. In short play football because lique who I am because if it, and I love what football has allowed me to become

Continuing my journey with the Liverpool Ladies has been an incredible expenence for ms, and continue to learn things about myself here every single day. My team-mates and I have been able to bond together so seamlessly because we each share the same passion for the game and have the same goal in being here: to win another league title! Every day for us is a new challenge, but we can continue to improve every day The second half of the season will be even more competitive than the first, but am excited to see where this THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN

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Flanders Field

This August marks 100 years since the First World War. To mark the centenary William Hughes look back at how the conflict affected LFC and football in the UK



ummer 1914. Although Liverpool had finished a mediocre 16th in the final First Division

standings a first sposarance in the FA Cup lines despite the ultimate loss to Burnley at the Crystal Palace had given from Watson's team confidence of better things to come.

However the prospect of war cast a long shadow that would see the sport attract widespread criticism in Merseyside and beyond. The Football. League whose president was JFC chairman John McKenna, planned for the new season as normal with the popular belief in the country being that hostilities would be over by Christmas. McKenna announced that the club's

players had agreed to donate 12.5 per cent of their wages to the War Fund for the rest of the war. Manager Watson was also behind wartime lootball. In September 1914 he told the local press. "Our boys have been artificus that they should be trained from a military point-of-view and they and we welcome the league's decision [to carry or playing and ensure players train for national service). We shall soon have the league a views carried into fact.

Desprie these assurances, the stance adopted by the locatelling community was met disapprovingly. On the

You Branks (Int) with his healthers in the acres one hand, the game's authorities were accused of cowardice, on the other cruesbons were asked of those attending the matches. Almost three years rater a retter to the Daily Post in March 1917 expressed concern about the Goodison derby. A crowd. of 25,000 people watched a game of football between the Everior and Liverpool dubs. A very considerable percentage of that assembly must have been of fighting age

In Red Mer. his biography of LFC, author John Williams reported that by March 1915 just 122 of 1,800 professional players had come forward. to join the military. On the tip side it was argued that the matches provided



good entertainment and relief from the realities of war A letter published in the local press angued. 'Our two clubs are being well patronised by the locitian loving public of this city and the sumounding cetters which simply goes to prove that the authorities acted wisely when they determined to continue the game during the war times.

Deprived of [pair of] their wrages at one fell swoop, but footballers have engaged themselves in munition works and other government employment, and have also come lonvarid and provided thousands of persons with a delightful entertainment each week either at Antel dor Goodson Park

The letter also made the point that many servicement were among those present on matchdays: 'It is a matter of common knowledge to those who have visited our grounds at Antield and Goodson Park this season that the number of men in khalo has been pronounced. Special entrances have been allotted to these gallant fellows: they have been admitted free, and extra privileges have been granted to these wounded heroes who having done their duty at the front have returned maimed and handicapped. and who need some little enjoyment and recreation to make their lorget the honors of war

In contrast however, the Rugby Football union had suspended matches immediately to get behind the war effort.

Al Liverpool's game against Manchester United on Borong Day 1914 census cards (for draft registration) had been handed out but just over 1,000 of the 16,000 taken were naturned by men

On 23 April 1915, the FA council announced a formal suspension of football for the following season although the management committee agreed to come up with a regional format to maritain national morale Athough the programme of parmiss was somewhat chaotic and many leased only 80 minutes. McXisonia was behind the plan. We leak we owe a duty to the game and to those who perforce must stuy at home.

The following month, May 1915. proved a difficult one for the club and the city LFC manager Watson died suddenly of pneumonia with the club wolow a moT at prairie water water to speak of the irreparable loss they left. The next day the Cunard ocean liner Luaitanus was sunit on a vovage from New York to Liverpool in one of the most dreadful examples of sea warfare. Torpedoed by a German submarine near Kinsale in southern Ireland, 1,201 passengers and crew last their lives. The sinking caused international outrage. There were nots in Everpool and London as well as other oites around the world

The German government daimed that Lusitania was carrying military Supplies and there is some evidence to support this. But British and American enquiries rater declared the sinking to have been unlawful Either way the event devastated the light-knil dockland communities in north Liverpool where most of Lusitama's crew lived. A total of 404 prew members died, including many local seamen, A 15-ton, four-bladed propeller one of four that drove the Lusitania across the Atlantic, and salvaged from the wreck off the Inshcoast in 1982, is now displayed on Liverpool's quayside.





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TRUCE FAITH

Since 2011 the Premier Longue has traveled to the Belgian cily of Ypes for the Christmas Truce Tournament. The arrural event brings together Under-12 learnsfrom England, Belgiam, France and Germany to honour one of the most famous moments of the Final World War. The Bardeys Premier League is eate building a floodit 3G artificial pilich as part of the centering pommeroprofiles. It will be used.

by local schools and community groups, youth seems from Pt. chins, and other organisations throughout Europe especially young people violeting the Fatte World War Underly the Fatte World War Debt Orloids, Ged Roddy, the Primite League director of youth, ages a "hippresente a funtastic opportunity to continue the messages of peace and understanding associated with its original Civilines Truce metal for 1914".



"He was a likeable fellow, somewhat eccentric and deaf"

As the war drew on Innancial concerns hit home and IFC received requests for assistance from explayers. The club's moute books show that many decisions reflecting pricing were taken alongside Evention. In February 19 6 the decision was taken to insure the América significant and significant from air raids.

As far as records show 13 players registered with Liverpool FC were killed in action. One of those who perished was inside forward John Tosswill The following obituary appeared in the unerpoor Echa on 2 October 1915. A likeable fellow somewhat eccentric. deal, and a good-class lootballer. That is how one might sum up Corporal JS. Tosswill whose death is announced this morning. His ear deficiency users to cause some currous happenings in football matches for he was not able to hear the referee s signal, and of times was seen to proceed to score goals while the crowd and other

One of the more upiliting stories from the war relates to half-back Tom Bromslow Liverpool-born, he was approaching his 24th birthday when he was demolibed, and upon leaving the army he asked bivarpool for a this! Then-club

players were waiting to take a free look secretary George Patterson recalled: "His signature was obtained in the strangest manner. He came to the pround in uniform during the war and asked for a game asked George Fleming, who was in charge of the second team then how he was fixed and he said he could do with another player Bromilow played at outsidenon! and was an instant success. When the war ended he signed as a professional Eventually he took his place in the first team when Bill Lacev was playing an international match for Ireland it is one of the lucklest signings I have made

Left-half Bromillow played 23 times during his debut season and missed only line matches over the next thinge seasons, which included the club s third and fourth League titles in successive seasons (1922 and 1923).

Tom was a regular member of Liverpool's defence for the rest of the decade, making his final appearance for the cub at Blackburn on the last day of the 1929/30 season. Over the course of a decade-and-a-half in the nad shirt, he made 375 appearance.

sconing goals. He was also capped live times by England. And then there was Grandful

And then there was Graceful Arthur the notiname of wingor Arthur Goddard who unled Anfield crowds during this tubulant ear Signed from Glossop North End, before the was hed played 414 games and scoring 77 goals with a further 69 appearances made during the conflict. A skipper and loyal servant of the club, he was arguably the first man be stamp the aura of magic or furepros snot shut.



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All together now

Kopite and local musician

Peter Hooton explains the story behind the song...



werpool fan Peter Hooton has a keen interest in the First World War His band The Farm had their biggest hit in 1990 with All Together Now a song based on the famous Christmas Day Truce of 19: 4

Soldiers from both sides out down their weapons and met in no-man's land, euchanding gifts before playing football

Peter explains. The thing that sparked my interest in history was seeing the musical Oh. What A Lovely War when I was a kid. I went on to study history particularly the First World War When i started songwriting Ewrote a song called No-Man's Land effer the Labour leader Michael Foot was photographed in 1981 at the Cenotaph allegedly wearing a donkey jacket if wasn't a donkey jacket but some of his enemies in the party had

leaked this to the press saving he was being disrespectful. I thought that people who'd fought in that war would ve related more to Michael Foot and his politics than some of those criticising him in the tabloids No-Martis Land eventually became All Together Now."

As the country prepares to mark a century since war was declared. Pater admits the fact that football continued into the 1914/15 season raised a few eyebrows. If was surprised that it wasn't enmediately cancelled as happened with rugby and cricket, but botball was the working-class sport. There was a wave of nationalism and people were seen as being unpathodo but there was also a popular belief that it would be a short war over by Christmas The reality was that they were fighting a 19th century war with 20th century weapons

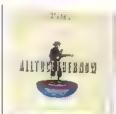
*People were being whipped up by posters such as Kitchener's Your Country Needs You and there was air implied sense of, what are you doing playing football while our men are out on the front? When you look at some of the propaganda you can understand why people joined up In a way footballers had the perfect excuse because they were entertaining people, but Liverpool saw fit to defend themselves and Tom Watson wrote a letter about it to The Times."

in 4 the manager pointed out that recruiting has taken place at the lootball ground all season with military bands at all cames while exchipen lootballs have also been sent to the front for supporters in the King's

uniformi and a thousand soldiers and saliors are given free admission to each match as are wounded menand refugees

Peter continues: When you look at some of the letters about the unofficial truce in 914, which the song is about, they say things along the lines of: we met up with German soldiers and they seemed exactly the same as us some of them were barbers and some had worked in London before the war. There are letters from both sides authenticating it. There may have been no goal-line technology but it did happen! They played football and there are loc many eyewitness reports that it happened to suggest otherwise.

"Of course the top brass of both annies were homilied that it happened and made sure that it didn't again. Fratemising with the enemy became a court-martal offence. That's why All Together Now is very close to our hearts and we're doing to be promoting it again to highlight the message of peace."



The cover to The Farm single (right) and as Mondraind 1 moles Hores statich (hotern)





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Young players have to be so patient but always ready to take their chance



uring my career at Liverpool I only inissed one pre season tour If was in 2004 Rafa Benitez had just been appointed as manager d spent the summer getting really fit When training started I wanted to be flying. Id finished the previous campaign in good form. After a loan spell at West Harr "diretumed to Evergoot confident and scored a toll of goals in the reserves. With Benitez arriving I floured it was a fresh start I was told he'd watched a lot of games to try and establish which players were coming through. desperately wanted to be in his thoughts

We were due to fly to America. was in the squad. Then on the second day of training I felt a pain In my impe. It was tendonitis, it was worrying. I was concerned others might get ahead of me and fit be back to square one at Liverpool. Although the coaching staff and Benitez tred to reassure me that prospect would not escape my thoughts. While the others went on tour remained at home

Thankfully by November was back in the first-team squad. I scored famous goals against Arsenai and Olympiacos in the matter of a few weeks would like to have played more after that but, felt like id made a contribution to the first team. People still talk about those reads now and that makes he happy

The point is a few young members of the Jiverpopii squad might be disappointed to not feature in this pre-season's tour to the States They might feel a million miles away from where they want to be. Once you ve had that taste of first-team football, that rush of adrenatin, you want more and more of it. If you hang in there and find a way to impress the manager in training showing a

"To really become a first-teamer you have to influence outcomes of games"



physical extins manager's Proughts

mature attitude you'll get there My biggest concern as a player was the impact of big-money signings. Every summer there are a few at Everpool so you have to get used to it. It's part of the greater challenge The bestiones the ones you know are good you desperately want to train and play with them. The problem is, when a player arrives for a huge lee and struggles the manager has to justify his purchase by persisting with him for longer than he would if he di offered a young player an opportunity I had this problem with El-Hadiji Diout when Gerard Houser was in charge if was a source of frustration. for 18 months - found it really tough-Inwardly Hell I deserved more of an apportunity because was doing the business for the reserves and when called upon for the first team. I'd let nobody down With a decent run of games, i believed idiget better

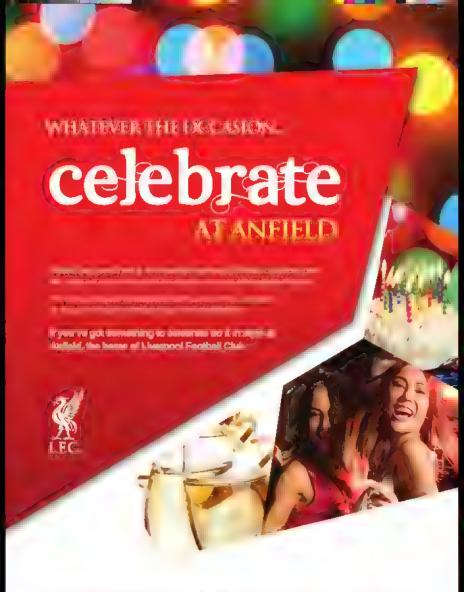
A footballer's career though, does not follow a straight time Like any profession in life, there are ups and downs periods of real frustration where matters beyond your control séem unitair. Il simportant lo pet vour head around this as soon as possible.

Brendan Rodgers has been excellent at giving young players. their opportunity but as Liverpool's linst-team results improve and the quest to remain in the Champions League gets more intense ine'll have greater flexibility in the transfer market. Ultimately there is even less room for error now as a young player

To become an undisputed first-learn member you have to find a way to start influencing the outcome of matches more or less immediately Ability matters of course but the only way this will happen is by maintaining a strong mentality and learning to overcome setbacks quickly

Looking ahead one of the most important pieces of advice, could give any young player this season is make sure you get to as many games. al Anfield as possible, Last season we were very fortunate to withess some amazing football from a lan s. point-of-view. Hopefully that pattern will continue. Merely by being there as a player your appreciation of everything emproves. You have to embrace the club and individually, the task at hand.

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EMONTH ALLEAD

Champions League draw

Liverpool FC fans will be glued to their TV sets on 28 August as club officials head to Monaco for the Radis much awaited return to the UEFA Champions Laque. The identity of Liverpool's three proup stage opponents will be revealed as the draw takes place Matchtay One will be held on 16 and 17 September.

Ten play-off winners will join the 22 automatic entrantis in the group stage town at the Grimadii Forum, where the 32 sides are spill into four seeding pots and one from each is drawn into the eight groups. Seeds are based on UEFA's coefficient system and no team can meet another from the same association.

The draw for the UEFA Youth League, which will feature the Riccs Under 19s team, will take place on the same day. The inaugural event was won by Barcelona last sesson.

Completing the European feel, Everpool Ladies will also figure in a Champions League draw following their FA WSL success as season

they will find out who they will play in Monaco on 22 August.







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Dortmund date

Brendan Rodgers men conclude their preparations for the new campaign by hosting Bonussia Dorfmund in their first linendly at Artifield on Stunday 10 August (12 15pm). The Yellow-Blacks Sinshed as runners-up in the Bundesligh leaf beason under the guidance of charsmable manager Jurgen Klopp Dorfmund's squad is set to include World Cup winners Mess Hummels, Kewn Grosskreutz. Eink Durm and Ponnar Weidenfelter.

Riopp s summer signings so far include striker Ciro Immobile, who finished as last season's top scorer in Serie A with 22 goals for Toring.

The only previous meeting of the sides at Artifield was a Champions. Langue game in October 20th. Steven Gerrard is pictured right, making a chaffenge during the fixture which the fleds won 2-0 thanks to goals from vladimir Smicer and Stephen Wright.



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FARA'S FIRST

Liverpool Ledies midifietier Fara. Williams is set to become England Ladies moond caps holder if she plays in a frendly signant Sweden at Hartispool's Victions Park on Sunday 3 August. Para currently shares the record with Asjener's Paches Yantey on 129.

Meanwhile, Juerpool Ladies continue their WSL campaign in August with a couple of home flatures at the Select Security humber in Richarse, Exat Tempis side take on fellow title hoperfuls. Chelsea Ladies on Saturday 9 August before entertaining Notes County on 23 August. Both games side of all 6 Solgmi.



Here we go!

Rickle Lambert could make his Premer Langue debut for the Reds against filmers are Southampton when the domastic campaign looks off at Anfield on Sunday 17 August. Last season the Sands inflicted one of two LFC home defeats thanks to a second-half goal from another new Red. Dejan Loven Southampton have seen several changes during the summer with manager Maurico Pochetino leaving to take change of Spurs Dutchman Ronald Koeman is the new man at the St Mary's hant, ex-Red Sammy Lee is part of his coaching staff Signings include ex-Physician Pelle.

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The LFCTV team will also be at The second secon Lane for our visits to Manchester City on Monday 25 August and Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday 31 August respectively. Our daily news service will be expanded, with more coverage coming direct from the training complex at Metwood, and there will be the return of several season-long favourites #LFCWORLD is back for a second series. The weekly magazine show covers all aspects of life at Antield, from first-team to fans, and will be first aired on Wednesdays

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Stave Hothersall returns with a new weeldy series of Press Sox, as he and three journalists discuss Liverpool's season and all the major stories surrounding the club.

Anfield 360' is also back. The show which will be aired on Fridays looks back at the week that was for the Reds. as well as previewing the weekend's action. And find out who the dub will be facing in the UEFA Champions League with our group-stage draw special on Thursday 28 August. LFCTV is on Sky channel 429 or

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What's it like to write the club's complete story for page, stage and screen? Nicky Alit reveals all to John Hynes Your Official History of Liverpool FC show returns to the stage this month - why are you moving it to the Echo Arena?

We had a great run with it earlier in the year at the Royal Court (in Liverpool). It got some very pleasing reviews and a lot of people came to see it. But there were still others who said they'd messed it or hadin't been able to go. With that in mind I wanted to take it to a larger arent. Now we're doing it by moving to the EchoTvio Alrent. The part of the arens holds about 3,000 people. The challenge with transfering our show is returning the inthracy. At the Royal Court the atmosphere was great, at times the nouse from the covid almost fell like being at a football match. We want to insplicate that with this now, and time, we we achieved a end hopefully the audiences will agree. It's an earbing prospect for me and, overgone connected with the show.





Micky and Shaeks in the Manazian of Liverpool's The Hanguver movie is a good example of what I'm falliving about, it's a group of lads in a new and unusual place going innough a variety of experience. Football tries are the that. For example, you could have four Sociuse aids in the middle of Rissau, or fee lists hads in Scambravia. Something is going to happen and it's bound to be entertaining. Ity to incorporate those stones into my work.

And does the same apply when it comes to your characters?

With lookball younge to pubs, often, or on buses, frams and planes and you meet loads of people that you might never have encountered otherwise. People from different places with different plos. If Italie bits of those when I'm writing a character. You can't make if loo otherous who they are, but you do base characters on people you've encountered or vanous traits from a optian person.

A lot of your work has been based around football...

I don't mind being pigeonholed when it comes to that, it used to bother me but not anymore. I could write about football forever but I like to do other type of stories and that's my plan for the future. I'm not ruling out writing shoul lootball ever again. DLAI'm working on some non-football based projects shift now.

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going to Belfast...

Yeah wa're doing a lew nights over there in September Again I've always wanted to take my shows there because, as everyone knows, there are thousands of JFC supporters. In the past they've lold me that they would like to have seen one of our shows. so this time we're making it happen by going to the Otlyssey Arena. I think it's appropriate because Elisha Scott, One of the most memorable players to have featured for us, was from Belfast Thare's also Brendan Rodgers link with Northern Ireland, ive been over there a few times myself and it's a great city with a great history. There is a good feel about the place right now and it will be a great trip

You've written books, plays and movie acripts. How do

Obviously they are similar in some ways but each brings diffasent challonges. A play is much shorter than a book and flows in a different way. A book requires more work solely in terms of words. Some people will think about writing a book but then the mirmidated by the idea of peting 70.

"A lot of it comes from all the trips I went on to support the Reds"

80 or 90,000 words down on paper "I'm left alone with some peace and quiet don't usually situggle to write any of them. It's when you start to do too many of each at the same time that if can become confusing, I can work on a broth and a play longether. But working on a play and a move se very tough because they are both scripts. Maybe that's just me though. Everyone the site own way of doing the job.

Where do you get your story ideas?

A lot of it comes from being a football fan and all the tilps I went on to support the Reds. I used to go home and awey for 30-odd years. So that's created a lot of material throusands of stories. Even incidents or nights out on those trips that had orbining to do white actual football match are useful.

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peed, praction, style, adrenaline Not a well-worked counterattacking Everpool goal, but life behind the wheel as a racing driver. Seen Huyton is one of British motorsport's most promising talents and he's also a massive Red

Beginning his motor-racing life in karting, Liverpool fan Sean has successfully risen through the ranks and now races in the Ginetta GT4 Supercup as part of the Academy Motorsport team - just one level below the prinacte of British motorsport, the British Touring Car Championship

Being a racing driver is not always es glarnorous às people malte it out to be," says the Ormskirk lad, "Al the level I'm racing at, sponsorship and money plays a big part on how

"It's the only thing want to do - except maybe play for Liverpool!"

a driver performs. A lot of the guys I'm racing against have the backing of family money or large sporsors. which I currently don't. So me and my team do what we can with the resources available to us, and so far we've had some success and podium linishes. I'm not complaining though I absolutely love what do, wouldn't want to be doing anything else except maybe pulling on the red shirt of Liverpool week in week out."

Racing at weekends means it's difficult for Sean to watch LPC play all the time. "I don't get to see half as many of the games I'd like to, but Leatch as many as possible, Last season was an moreofible journey and hopefully Brendan and the players can push on from that and go one step further this time round. With Champions League tootball returning hopefully I'll be able to get to some of those games. You can't beet the atmosphere of a Champions League fixture at Arrheld.

Sean was only a lew months old when Elverpool last won the title so last year's oh-so-nearly season has left a bittersweet taste. "Although we have 18 titles, for people my age [24] and younger we've never seen Liverpool

lift it. So tast year almost left like it was going to be the first time in a way. To gel so close was agonising but very. very promising for the future.

You can follow Seam's progress in the Gmetta GT4 Supercup live on ITV4 as part of the channel's coverage of the British Touring Car Championship and also at www.seanhuyton.co.uk





Boston with love

If sibeen a busy and hugely fulfilling programme for uverpool PC Foundation on the pre-season lour of the US. The club is difficial chamby was joined by legends and club embassacions are Rush and Robbie Fowler on a visit to a summer camp in Beston where they helped Foundation coaches deliver a series of sessions to 400 local children at Camp Harbor View. Club mascen filighty. Red joined in the fun alongside Foundation that the result is series and the provided in the fun alongside Foundation that the series and result is series and result in the fun alongside Foundation that the series and result is series and result in the fun alongside Foundation that the series are series and result is series.

It was a return visit for the Polimerand, which in 2012 originally full and the Boston s at-risk neighbourhoods. The coaching sessions are part of the Foundation's International. Programme providing unique opportunities to a diverse range of individuals and groups with support from global partners

Robbie Pushte and Mightly Red also appeared at another of the Foundation's return visits, this time to the Perkins School for the Blind where they helped to deliver a senes of taskned football clinics to develop skills and teach students to play. The Liverpool Way? The school is the ordest of its kind in the United States, and more than 100 students took part in the sessions.

The Foundation also returned to Boston Children's Hospital where it delivered LFC-therned grifs including man-footballs, posters and shirts.





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Reds go Dutch

As part of the Liverpool FC Academy's pro-season proparations, the U17 U19 and J21 squads have com or line with Selection laking part in training and prestigious friendlies against Club Brugge and Schalke as well as cultural and community visits.

Based near the town of Nirnegen. the young players visited the Overloon War Museum and laid wreaths in honour of three soldiers from Merseysider Lance Bombardier Henry James Loftus, Private Philip John Christian and Private Sydney John Gilbert Williamson There was also a visil to Radboud Hospital, one of the largest in the Netherlands, and a link-up with the Johan Cruylf Foundation which was set up by the Dutch legend to give more opportunities to kids across the world to be active in sport.

LFC's Academy has been able to part-lund the two-week Holland tour via the European Commission s Leonardo Mobility Programme, the aim being to tacilitate the transfer of training methods and philosophies



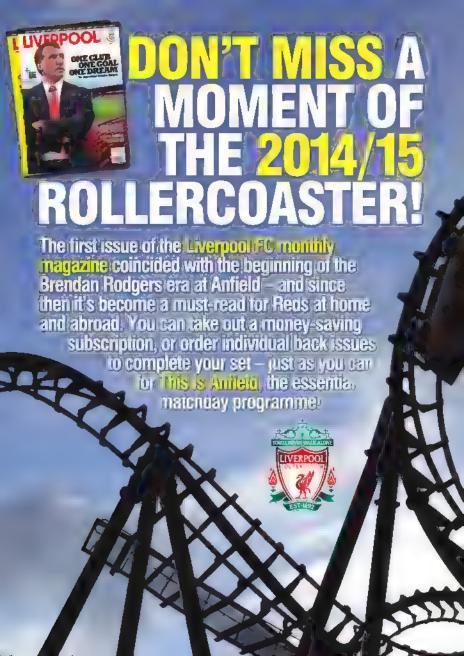
between Liverpool FC and host pertner club FC Twents. Navitas Sports, a JK-based sports consultancy. helped the Reds secure the European lunding and have been integral to the success of the trip.

"lan Rush and Robbie Fowler helped to deliver coaching

Founded in 1989, the hospital is one of the largest paediatric medical centres in the United States. LFC Boston Supporters Club recently raised nearly \$2,500 for the hospital through a sponsored walk

And there was a special event at the city's Deider Southfield School where Kenny Dalgish and Robbie Fowler were joined by first-teamers Jose Ennque, Gler Johnson and Martin Kelly, as Foundation coaches shared their knowledge with kids from engoing programmes at the Fleid Soir Foundation all part of the two charitable organisations maintaining strong links.







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David It'll be worth the wait to see Adam Lallana in action PRICE



upon us and I am really excited about seeing. Liverpool back in action. The way that 2013/14 ended was clearly disappointing but I believe the players will be better for having had their beyennote and we also have several new faces to freshore thinss up.

The big saking point of the summer has been the departure of Luis Suarez. Honov the old dail they could to keep him but in all honestry! think the substance has been supposed by the second the second to the second the second to the second t

The club has to move on now and trust Brendan Rodgers because he's done a great job since he arrived I said last season that I felt the team was fine but the squad lacked depth. Now Uverpool have to prove that

the opposite isn't the case following Suarez's departure.

There were times last year when I valided Uverprote Deproyed play without I scarce in the side and the fearn had a little more balance. I'm not for one minute suggesting we'll be better without him. but the tearn has shown they can make it work without him clon't longet they started last season with three straight wins in his absence.

It will be interesting to see how Brendan goes about replacing Suaraz. I don't think he likes having a single striker upfront on his own. It doesn't sall well with his philosophy of stacking footbell and in some ways it's like pushing water uphili for the player in the lone role. Therefore it believe we need to replace Suaraz with a top player who is proven at the top level to play alongside Oaniel Stumdge.

Richia Lambert and Lazar Markovic, will increase the attacking options and I've also been pleased by the signing of Adam Lallana. I was talking about thin with my dad. He knows his stuff and is convinced Lallana's going to be our player of the season – he thinks he shat good. Lallana's didn't get much of a chance to show what he can do at chance to show what he can do at

Actorn Lutterer signing for UFC favor in Boston

"I'm excited that the only way to improve on last year is to win the league"

the Woold Cup but you could see from his performances at Southermpton that he's got talent. I think he's suit our style of play and he jumped at the chance to sign for us. He's hungy and hopefully, once he's recovered from his virgay, he can stor in well in an attacking role that suffs Beredants brand of football.

The goal last season was getting back into the Champions League. That was activered and I'm really locking forward to having those European nights back of Anfield. This season! think the aim has to be ending it as champions. The only way we can improve on last year is to win the league and I'm exoled at the prospect of what this season may bring of what this season may bring.

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